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THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1897.

The crew of the *Undaunted* were turned out by the *Tamara* to-day in order that the ship may be thoroughly overhauled and refitted for recommissioning.

The Rifle Brigade sports were held at Singapore on the 12th inst. The Challenge Shield, won last year in Hongkong by Capt. Eccles' Company, went this year to Capt. Patton-Bethune's.

We have just seen the cover of a catalogue sent out by the 'Chain Belt Engineering Co.' of Derby, England, addressed to a firm in 'Doddell Street, Hongkong, Ireland.' And this is famous!

In connection with the Royal salute fired on Tuesday, the *Phoenix* was unable to join in the cannonade as there were no saluting charges ready in store for her 4-inch guns, which are at the latest type.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Commander Hastings, Captain Dehna, of the steamer *Tai-keung*, was fined \$300 for not proceeding immediately to the quarantine anchorage on 18th June on arrival from the infected port of Swatow.

We are asked to intimate that in events Nos. 2 and 6 of the programme for the Jubilee Gynkhana, to be held on Saturday, there will be second and third prizes not in money but in its worth, and the conditions of this contest are altered accordingly. Additional entries will be accepted till noon on Saturday.

H.M.S. *Powerful* was commissioned on 8th June by Captain the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, with a complement of 840 officers and men for the China Station. H.M.S. *Avon* was commissioned for the same destination on the same day. These ships will be present at the Naval review at Spithead, after which they will proceed to their station.

The staff at H.M. Naval Yard is to be augmented by the following appointments:—Mr. W. E. Turner, assistant victualling store-keeper from the Cape, is appointed deputy victualling store-keeper in charge. He will in all probability leave England about 12th August. Mr. E. Horan, draughtsman, from Devonport, is appointed for five years to a situation under the chief constructor.

Mr. E. Freyre, Consul for Spain at Kobe, takes exception to one of our Kobe contemporaries reproducing an extract from the *China Mail* recounting the atrocious treatment of certain prisoners in Manila prisons. The Consul very honestly says: 'I do not know anything of the present case, but he appears to infer that if there have been any atrocities committed it was by the police, who, in any part of the world, frequently abuse their powers. That is possible. We have not enquired if this is a case where the police abused the powers; but from what we know of the conduct of the recent campaign against the Philippine insurgents we incline to the belief that it is not the police (or gendarmes) in Manila prisons who are capable of outrages against humanity. At the same time, as we have no animosity against the Spanish nation, we are willing to agree with Mr. Freyre that 'unjust aspersions' should not be cast upon the Spaniards, 'whose or any other' he says, 'are quite equal to the other civilised countries of the world.' We can only express our regret that some individual Spaniards do not act up to the humanitarian sentiments their officials so frequently profess.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

London, 21st June, 1897.

JUBILEE HONOURS.

The Governor of Hongkong, Mr. F. R. Sanders, Colonial Treasurer of Ceylon, and Mr. F. A. Swettenham, Resident in the Malay States, have received the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George.

The Sultan of Johore has been appointed a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

Haji Mahomed Besar of Johore has been appointed an Honorary Companion of St. Michael and St. George.

Doctor Bushell of Ekin and Consul Jamieson of Shanghai have been appointed Companions of St. Michael and St. George.

PARLIAMENT AND THE JUBILEE. The House of Lords has passed the Jubilee Bill unanimously.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Dillon protested, and the Bill was rejected by 436 to 7.

Mr. Rodmond moved an amendment which was rejected by 436 to 7.

Both Houses resolved to present their addresses in person.

(Special Telegrams to the 'Singapore Free Press'.)

CHINESE LOYALTY AT PENANG. Penang, June 15th, 1897.

Mr. Cheah Chen Eak, a well-known resident of Penang, has offered, in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, to erect in Penang a clock tower and fountain at a cost of \$30,000.

The Penang Municipal Commissioners have accepted the generous offer.

RAILWAY IN THE NATIVE STATES. Taiping, June 15th, 1897.

A loan of \$7,000,000 has been sanctioned for railways, and work, which was previously suspended, has been resumed from to-day.

The railway extension to Poyo has been sanctioned.

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A new Chinese cruiser has been launched with the euphonious name of the 'O'Higgins'.

The French Mission has purchased the Kobe Municipal property for \$32,000, for the erection of an orphanage school, etc.

A native clerk in the Imperial Maritime Customs in Shanghai, named Han Wen-ping, has been arrested for embezzling funds and making false accounts to prevent detection. He has been taken to the native city to be tried and receive his deserts. *China Gazette.*

The steamer *Sumbi* (7) in which some of the Chinese sought to escape from the Pescadore when the attack was made by the Japanese, and which was sunk in the Bay of Chinko by the Japanese warships, has been raised. She is to be taken to Japan shortly.

It is repeatedly asserted by Japanese papers that the revenue for the next financial year will show a deficit of between thirty and forty million yen. The Ministry is therefore considering what new sources of revenue it can tap. Count Okuma, it is said, is for further increasing the taxes on salt and land, and as this proposal is received by the other Ministers with some show of favour, efforts are being made to secure their unanimous consent. It is being quickly decided that expenditure on the increase of armaments does not stop with the initial outlay. Big ships and big guns are expensive toys. *Kobe Chronicle.*

Sir E. L. O'Malley, Chief Justice of British Guiana, has arrived in England on leave of absence. Says the *London Echo*:—Sir Edward has just come over on a holiday, and he will remain in this country till the autumn. Before joining the Colonial Service Sir Edward practised on the Norfolk and South-Eastern circuits, and in 1878 was made a barrister at law in the House of Commons, contesting Bedford, but suffering defeat. In 1876 he was appointed Attorney-General of Jamaica, and three years later became Attorney-General of Hongkong, a post which he held for 10 years, when he was appointed Chief Justice of Singapore. He was appointed to his present position in British Guiana two years ago, and he is a very popular figure in society in the sugar and mud colony.

The secret is now out. A paragraph in a vernacular newspaper states that the tea duty in America was imposed at the solicitation of the New York house of a Kobe firm, 'in order that they might sell out their stock and make heavy profits.' This is according to a report received by Japanese tea merchants. It is a report, says the journal, which cannot easily be credited, but the action of the Kobe branch of the firm suggests something for at the opening of the season the firm purchased largely regardless of cost, and there has been a constant interchange of telegrams between New York and Kobe since. As if this were surprising during the tea season. Evidently it is thought the business capacity of the foreigner is on the same level with that of the average Japanese merchant, who, unless he is helped, would readily sacrifice his native prospects of doing business for the sake of securing an immediate extra profit. *Kobe Chronicle.*

At two o'clock on the 18th inst. the China Navigation Co. steamer *Shengking*, Captain Anderson, was coming up the River, and had just passed the Public Garden, a lighter got directly in her way. To avoid running the lighter down Captain Anderson tried to pass between it and the *Shengking*, but the lighter was too close, and the *Shengking* was forced to run over it. The lighter was damaged and the roof of the cook house was torn up. The *Shengking* proceeded to the wharf. Her starboard wheel and davits were badly knocked about and the railing on the upper deck was wrecked. The lighter, which caused the accident, had apparently plenty of time to get out of the way, but with the usual carelessness of the Celestial Empire.

On the 12th inst. the *China Mail* was the only ship to leave the port for the Yangtze. The Yangtze is a river of great importance, and the Yangtze is a river of great importance, and the Yangtze is a river of great importance.

The Rev. Messrs. Gregory, who was Armenian Minister to Siam, Gregory, of the Chinese Consulate at Hongkong, was on his way from Singapore to Persia, died on the voyage. He leaves two sons, who are in the service of the Persian Government. *Singapore Free Press.*

Anty despatches report that the coal found in the South Taiwan range of hills, near the port, has proved to be of very good anthracite. It is superior to either Kalgung or any other coal found, so far, in the South of China. Unfortunately, the Company which is working the above mines has only a small capital and cannot, at present, afford to buy adequate machinery to develop the mines. Application is being now made for help to the Fukien Government. *N.C. Daily News.*

Ma Yamanoto, the Chairman of the Kobe Chamber of Commerce, in compliance with the vote of the Chamber, on the 12th inst. forwarded a representation to President McKinley by cable to the effect that in the opinion of the Chamber the U.S. New Tariff will surely paralyse the trade between Japan and America, and the President earnestly requested to reconsider the Bill. A telegram was also sent to Mr. Hoshi, the Japanese Minister at Washington, asking him to protest against the Tariff. Furthermore, the Chairman of the New York Chamber of Commerce has been asked to join in the opposition to the new Tariff legislation. Japanese merchants must be of a sanguine disposition if they hope that any benefit will accrue from such protests. *Kobe Chronicle.*

RECORD REIGN CELEBRATIONS.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS BY MRS. MAY.

As a souvenir of the Record Reign celebrations, Mrs. F. H. May kindly presented the children of the Police with medals containing appropriate inscriptions. The medals were of two sizes. The large medal was given to the eldest children and bears on the obverse side a portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, with 'Victoria Regina—1837-1907.' The reverse side bears the following inscription: 'Reg. at Imp. Born 1819; crowned 1829; married 1840; Jubilee 1897. Reigned sixty years, 1837-1907. Under her wise rule Science, Art, and Liberty have rapidly advanced. Her example has blessed the people over whom for sixty years she has reigned. The small medal has a similar representation on the obverse side and on the reverse side: 'Victoria Reg. at Imp. 1837-1907. Born 1819; crowned 1829; married 1840; sixtieth year 1897.'

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An amusing collection gathered by curious people the world over, could be published of tombstone literature. Some of the following are not found in the published collections of epitaphs :
Here lies Thomas Williams, no wonder he's dead, for the wheel of a waggon went over his head !

INDIAN FINANCE.
In the House of Commons last night, Lord George Hamilton, replying to a question, said it was not intended to alter the policy of closing the mints, and he had no reason for thinking that the fluctuation in exchange was due to imports of silver.

THE INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.
Since June 4, the Indian Medical Service, which has so splendidly met the great strain placed upon it by the plague and famine, is at last getting back to more ordinary times. Furlough still remains closed but leave on urgent private affairs and privilege leave are now more common and will probably be possible to allow at least a few men to take furlough as soon as the rains break throughout the country. The matter chiefly depends on the number of officers Bombay can now permit to return from special plague work to their ordinary duties in the provinces whence they have been borrowed, and communications are passing between the Government of India and the Bombay authorities regarding this point. Upon none has the stress of the past few months been so heavy as upon the officers of the Indian Medical Service who have cheerfully given up all leave to enable them to stick continuously to their trying posts while health remained.

THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY.
London, June 4.—Mr. Russell Road is the bearer of a letter and presents from King Menelik for the Queen.

THE KING OF SIAM.
The King of Siam has arrived at Rome and is the guest of King Humbert. He visits the Pope to-morrow.

June 2.—The King of Siam has gone to Florence. King Humbert and the Princess escorted the King of Siam to the station.

MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY AT CALCUTTA.
A most mysterious robbery has been committed from Fort William station since the 24th inst. by a gang of five or six men, who were armed with double-barrelled shot-guns and contains all the approved patterns of war materials and appliances etc. The articles stolen and carried off were the Cosmopore Artillery Volunteers Challenge Cup valued at Rs. 800 and the Battery Challenge Cup valued at Rs. 150. The articles are all large and the whole matter is wrapped in mystery.

THE EGYPTIAN MEDAL.
Sindia, May 28.—The Queen has sanctioned the acceptance and wearing of the Khedive's silver medal by the force employed in the Sudan. The medal is to be given to all who will be granted to those who served at the south of Sarras or at Suakin between the 10th March and 23rd September 1896. Lists of those entitled to the medal are to be prepared by commanding officers and heads of departments without delay for the issuance of the Egyptian Military authorities.

(Times of Ceylon.)

LORD SANDHURST AND INDIAN FREEMASONRY.
Calcutta, June 7.—Lord Sandhurst has been installed Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India; and on Saturday laid the foundation stone of the Bombay Masonic Hall.

SUICIDE AT DUM DUM.
Sergeant Brew, Royal Munster Fusiliers Dum Dum, stabbed himself to the heart of the 1st June. The deceased was a smart and popular soldier, and no reason is given for the rash act.

RECEIVED NEWS FROM RUSSIA.
London, June 2.—Professor Lusig, Florence, has started for Bombay with special plague serum.

SAMORY RELEASED LIEUT. HENDERSON.
June 3.—Advices from the West Coast of Africa states that Samory has released Lieutenant Henderson who is laden with permits for the Governor.

GERMAN EMPEROR INSULTED BY AN EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER.
May 30.—The Egyptian Government have decided to prosecute the Arab journal *Muski*, for publishing articles insulting the German Emperor.

THE SOUTH AFRICA COMMITTEE.
June 2.—The Chairman of the South African Committee announced at yesterday's sitting that he would report to the House of Commons the fact that Mr Rhodes and Mr Havelock had refused to produce certain telegrams.

June 6.—The South Africa Committee has adjourned *sine die*. The Chairman has deferred reporting Mr Cecil Rhodes, Mr Havelock, and Dr Rutherford Harris to the House of Commons till the presentation of the Committee's report.

MILL STRIKE AT BOMBAY—LABOUR TO BE IMPORTED.
Calcutta.—June 3, 11-56 a.m.—In consequence of the Bombay Mill Strike the Mill owners' Association are arranging to import labour from the North-West Provinces and other parts of India. Several Companies are agreeing to employ a proportion of the imported labour.

FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS IN GREECE.
May 30.—In consequence of the dissensions in the Greek Foreign Legion the French and Belgian members have withdrawn.

PRINCE GEORGE OF GRECE APPEALS TO THE GREEKS.
May 31.—The *Standard* states that Prince George of Greece has telegraphed to the Greeks urging him to again intervene on behalf of Greece and impose on the Sultan conditions of peace.

THE INDIAN TEA MARKET.
Calcutta, June 1.—The shipments of tea to Great Britain this season amount to 3,357,000 lbs. as against 2,300,000 lbs. the same date last year. The quality, *par*, is much inferior.

June 4.—Yesterday's tea sale might almost be described as a fiasco, as there were practically no buyers. The brokers blamed the poor quality, but the *Indian Daily News* has an article which says that it is not pushing the business sufficiently, and thinks it will induce owners of gardens ship more of their tea to the London sale. Eleven thousand five hundred packages were offered, and about six thousand were sold.

SLIGHT INCREASE OF PLAGUE AT BOMBAY AND POONA.
There has been a slight increase of the plague at Bombay, and Poona.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP OF HYDERABAD.
The Bishop of Hyderabad died on Wednesday at Toronto.

THE ANTI-DYNAMITE FEELING IN ATHENS DENIED.
May 30.—It is declared at Athens that the statements made regarding the anti-dynamite movement and the dissensions between the King and his ministers are without foundation, and that order is perfectly maintained there.

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Hongkong, June 19, 1897. 1163

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1895, £12,433,131.

Authorized Capital, £2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital, £2,750,000.00
Reserve Fund, £387,500.00
Total Funds, £5,130,631.00

HAVING been appointed Agents of the above Company we are prepared to ACCEPT EUROPEAN AND CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1547

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS, £2,000,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £280,000.

THE Underwritten, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,
Agents,
Fray's Central.

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS—JUNE 24, 1897.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Full-paid.	Closing Quotations.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	120	all	181 1/2 prem. = \$355, - sales (and buyers)
Bank of China & Japan, Limited	39,950	5 1/2	6 nom.	8 1/2 2 1/2 nom.
Ordinary shares	109,850	1 1/2	1 1/2	buyers
Deferred shares	1,250	10	8 1/2	buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	1,250	10	8 1/2	buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	\$182 1/2, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	8 1/2	25	the 187 1/2
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	10 1/2	20	18 1/2, sales and sellers
Strait Settlements Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	50	\$222 1/2, sales and buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	250	50	\$182 1/2, sellers
Yantai Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	100	50	\$182 1/2, sellers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	50	\$182 1/2, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	\$182 1/2, sellers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	12,500	125	all	242 1/2 prem. = \$427 1/2, sellers
STEAMSHIPS.				
China & Malacca S. S. Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	\$75
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	50	all	\$65 1/2, sales
H. K. O. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd.	80,000	10	all	\$247 1/2, buyers
Indo-China S. S. Co., Limited	60,000	10 1/2	10	\$47, buyers
China Mutual S. S. Co.	20,000	10 1/2	10	\$47, buyers
Do. (new issue)	20,000	10 1/2	10	\$47, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	100	all	\$141, buyers
Luen Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	100	all	\$50, sales
WHEAT.				
H. K. & W. Wheat & Godown Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	all	\$68, sales and sellers
Wheat Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited	2,500	100	37 1/2	\$44, buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	100	50	\$78, sales and sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	50	30	\$19, buyers
Hongkong Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	25,400	10	all	\$8, sales and sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	50	40	\$21 1/2, buyers
TRAMWAYS.				
H. K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	all	\$112, buyers
MINEING.				
Jeleba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	40,000	5	all	\$2 1/2, buyers
Paragon Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	4	all	\$1
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	12,000	500	all	\$100, sales and sellers
New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	1	all	\$20, sales
" Preference shares	75,000	1	all	\$24, buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	13/10	30	\$20
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	15,000	5	2 1/2	\$8, sales
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	100	50	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liq.	6,000	50	all	in liq.
ROTTING, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	50	all	\$49, sellers
DIVERSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	50,000	10	all	\$12 1/2, sales and buyers in liquidation
Dakin, Crummett & Co., Ltd. in liq.	50,000	5	all	\$1
LIGHTING.				
H. K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	10	all	\$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	10	5	\$8, sales and sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	20,000	20	all	\$37 1/2, sellers
STEEL.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	3,000	1 1/2	1 1/2	\$9, sellers
Do. do.	7,000	1 1/2	1 1/2	\$9, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	10	all	\$3 1/2
Go. Fenwick & Co., Limited	8,000	25	50	\$33, buyers
Hongkong Battery Company, Ltd.	10,000	7 1/2	50	\$45, sales
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	5,000	50	all	\$113, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	50	all	\$174, sales and sellers
Hoong Kow Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	100	Tia 100 Tia 117, buyers
Ing Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	100	Tia 100 Tia 123, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	100	Tia 100 Tia 125, sellers
Leong-Kow-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	100	Tia 100 Tia 125, sellers
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	2,000	25	20	\$20
Boy Choo Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	600	600	Tia 600, sellers
Founder's shares				
Chinese Imperial 1895	176,200	Tia 260	17 1/2	annu. 10% prem.

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE.

LIST OF EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS.

No. 1.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills Office.
130.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills.
40.—Anderson, Capt., East Point.
24.—Anderson, Capt., Praya Central.
8.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

147.—Babington, A., Residence.
187.—Bailey's Engineering Agency.
143.—Bell Asbestos Co.
172.—Benjamin S. B., Residence.
148.—Benjamin, Kelly & Potts.
70.—Bourmann O., Residence.
66.—Blackhead & Co.
65.—Blackhead, F., Residence.
13.—Bosning, G. D., Residence.
96.—Bradley & Co.
154.—Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.
122.—Burnie & Goddard Capt.
39.—Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.
364.—Do. do. Quarry Bay.
18.—Do. do. Shipping Office.
36.—Do. do. Sugar Office.

75.—Calabreck, Macgregor & Co.
42.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
129.—Canton Insurance Co.
133.—Carlowitz & Co.
111.—Carmichael & Co.
134.—Carmichael H. P., Residence.
152.—Chai On Insurance Co.
123.—Chan Choy, Residence.
22.—China Mail Office.
180.—China Merchants Office.
72.—China Sugar Refinery, East Point.
17.—Do. do. Tsim Sha Tsui.
160.—Chow Tung Shing, Residence.
183.—Cobbold, Rev. R. F., Residence.

CLUBS.

149.—Club Germania.
11.—Club, Hongkong.
116.—Do. Lusitano.
10.—Do. Peak.

163.—Colonial Secretary.
153.—Com. Union Assurance Co.
87.—Compadore, D. Laprak & Co., Office.
88.—Do. do. Residence.
78.—Cousins, J. B., Office.

DOCTORS.

80.—Dr. Atkinson, Residence.
105.—Dr. Clark, Residence.
2.—Dr. Harrigan, Steadman and Rennie.
87.—Dr. Jordan, Office.
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157.—Dr. Paulin, Office.
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Intimations.

68.—Electric Co., Residence.
682.—Electric Co., Residence.

F.

142.—Fawcok, Geo. & Co.
74.—Fletcher & Co.

G.

135.—Gaudin, Price & Co.
48.—Geo Co., East Point.
47.—Do. West Point.
150.—Gump & Co.
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
44.—Government House.
193.—Gray, R. M., Residence.

H.

156.—Hall, F. W., Residence.
171.—Hancock A., Residence.
60.—Harbour Master.
99.—Harting, Buschmann & Monckell.
86.—Harting, G., Residence.
95.—Haskell, D., Residence.
92.—Hermann, O., Residence.
113.—Him Kee & Co.
101.—H. O. & M. S. Co., Office.
102.—H. O. & M. S. Co., Wharf.
126.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.
9.—H. & S. Bank.
84.—H. & S. Bank, Mess.
1.—Hongkong Telegraph Office

HOSPITALS.

23.—Hospital, Alice Memorial.
39.—Do. Government Civil.
115.—Hospital, Northside.
110.—Hospital, Naval.
175.—Do. Tung Wah.

HOTELS.

32.—Hotel, Hongkong.
36.—Do. Mount Austin.
56.—Do. New Victoria.
20.—Do. Peak.
170.—Hotel, Windsor.

186.—Jackson, W., Residence.
178.—Joo Tit Shing.

K.

108.—Kaw Hong Take.
183.—Kelly & Walsh.
185A.—do. Book Binding Dept.
64.—Kennedy, J., Caterway Bay.
107.—Kin Fat Hong.
141.—Kinghorn, J. W., Office.
120.—Kirk & Co.
151.—Krus & Co.

L.

91.—Lam & Roggo.
117.—Land Investment Co.
97.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
97A.—Lane, Crawford, Store.
169.—Lau, W. S., Residence.
109.—Leung, T. M., Residence.
90.—Layton, B., Office.
90.—Do. Residence.
107.—Leigh and Orange.
179.—Lloyd's Register.

M.

108.—Man Chuen Yuen.
88.—Man On Insurance Co.
113.—Mart & S.
112.—Mellers & Co.
131.—Meyer & Co.
144.—Meyer & Co., Godown.
124.—Meyer & Co., North Point.
127.—Michaelson, St. O., Residence.
143.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
164.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Branch Office.

N.

125.—Nam Tai Insurance Co.
5.—Nam Wo & Co.
104.—National Bank.
109.—Naval Yard.

119.—Opium Factory.
146.—Opium Farm.
174.—Osborne E., Residence.

P.

176.—Palmer and Turner.
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
69.—P. & O. S. N. Co., Post.
15.—Police Station, Central.
184.—Potter, W. Lutton, Residence.

R.

34.—Ray, E. C., Residence.
51.—Ray, E. C.
103.—R. E. Guard Room.
104.—R. E. Guard Room.
192.—Reis & Co.
140.—Reuter, Brockmann & Co.
76.—Richardson B. L., Residence.
19A.—Ritchie, H. A.
40.—Ritchie, H. A., Residence.
40.—Rope Factory.
109.—Rosa A., Residence.
180.—Rattorje, H.

S.

62.—Sailors' Home.
4.—Sanitarium, Pok-foe-lum.
94.—Sassoon, M. S., Residence.
132.—Schroter, J. G., Residence.
45.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
181.—Shels, N. A., Residence.
81.—Siemson & Co.
173.—Smith, A. Findlay.
166.—Scott H., Residence.
139.—Soap Factory, Shaukiwan.
100.—Sperry Flour Co.
61.—Stevens, G. B., Office.
62.—Do. A., Residence.
163.—Strait Insurance Co.
63.—Sui Kat Bank.

T.

191.—Tai Hing & Co., Bowington.
14.—Telegraph Companies.
28.—Tomes, O. A., Residence.
137.—Tong Lee Chan, Office.
138.—Tong Lee Chan, Shaukiwan.
64.—Tram Station, Peak.
93.—Tung Kee & Co.

U.

16.—Watson A. J. & Co.
6.—Wharf & Godown Co., Head Office.
7.—Wharf & Godown Co., Kowloon.
21.—Wharf & Godown Co., Wanchai.
33.—Wharf & Godown Co., West Point.
67.—Wickham, W. H., Residence.
165.—Wilder & Co., Office.
144.—Wing Kee & Co., Office.
14.—Do. Godown.
43.—Woo Kee & Co.

Y.

161.—Yan Woo Co.
38.—Yuen Fat Hong.
73.—Yuen Fat Hong.
177.—Yuen Fat Hong.

BANKS.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.

CHIEF MANAGER, H. STOLTERFORTH, Esq.
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Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%
Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 171

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID UP £200,000
RESERVE FUND £200,000
RESERVE FUND £200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the daily balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%
" " " " " 3%
" " " " " 2%
T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.

Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 846

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 4% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1516

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAY-UP CAPITAL, £10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND, £5,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF £10,000,000.
PROPRIETORS.

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